Unaided classes—particulars regarding.

323. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) The number of children attending the various unaided classes in the various schools of the State as it stood on the last day of 1112 M. E.;

(b) the number of years during which these classes have been working unaided;

(c) whether any of the above classes has been subsequently aided?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— (a) and (b) A list is kept on the Table.

(c) No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— Sir, from the list placed on the Table it is seen that as many as 187 schools with a strength of nearly 6000 students are unaided and in the third column of the list it is seen that of these 187 classes a very large percentage is of more than three years' duration and a few of them are only of one or two years duration. Does the Government think that this is a thing that can be continued like this without aid and the managers being forced to pay for catering to the education of as many as 6000?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— This is a comprehensive question and has been fully discussed on the floor of this House and I think the Government have given very reasonable replies to it. For one thing, very many of the schools are not Malayalam Schools. Some of them are English Schools. Some of them have given an undertaking that they do not want any aid. I do admit, Sir, that some classes have been running without aid as was admitted by the Government from 1110 onwards. The Government admitted that it would be desirable to give aid if funds permitted. All these schools are not entirely Malayalam Schools. Some of them, for instance the St. Antony's School, are High Schools and some of them are Lower Secondary Schools and they levy fees.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— Barring these Lower Secondary and High Schools where fees are being collected, are the Government in a position to tell us the approximate number of children attending the other schools?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—If the Hon'ble Member wants this piece of information I shall supply him this afternoon.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—Are there more than 100 classes of this type in Malayalam Schools?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—That was admitted in answer to a question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—In view of that answer that there are not more than 100 Schools of the Primary Department, most of them existing in villages and working for the last three years and more, will the Government be pleased to give an assurance to this House that those classes which work from 1110 onwards will be aided from the next academic year at least?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—If the assurance means an undertaking I cannot give it. I can assure the Hon'ble Member that every effort will be made and efforts are being made now to find funds for financing as many as possible.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Have not the Government issued orders that no class opened without permission will be given grant hereafter?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—That they have done and will continue to do the same.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Are not the Government aware that these teachers are in a state of semi-starvation?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—They have not prepared any statistics. But the Government are aware that they are not affluent.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—With regard to the answer given to the question put by Pallippuram Member what is the position of the Government?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Government have issued instructions that classes of vernacular schools started without any assurance of grant will not be aided. The Hon'ble Members may say that the orders may not be clear. Very stringent orders will be issued that no class will be aided in future started without sanction.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— Is it the position of the Government that classes so started will not be aided?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— As matters stand they cannot give any indication that classes started like this will be aided.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— May I know how many of them have been opened without the injunction imposed by the department?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— The question is with regard to the future. Government are trying their best in spite of the instructions given to see how many of these can be aided.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*— May I know the approximate strength of the 100 classes or so that are worked without aid?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— I want notice.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*— Will it be more than 3000?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— A large number of them has got the minimum strength.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*— With the experience that the Hon'ble Member for Education has, does he think that there will be new aided classes opened, conditions being as they are now?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— I cannot say that now. If the attitude of the Government is what it is now, does he think that the teachers of these classes will continue teaching?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—Without giving further aid to these teachers does the Government think that they are going to continue the education of these people in the classes?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— This is a question which needs no answer from the Government. I may assure that this question is receiving the anxious consideration of the Government because the Government are faced with this question. There is an increase in the school-going population. Their funds are not very elastic. In view

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of these facts they are going to meet this situation boldly and generously and it is hoped that some solution will be found with regard to this question. As far as the Primary Department is concerned it is too large a question . A definite reply on the floor of this House is not just possible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—Has the Advisory Committee drawn the attention of the Government to this urgent matter?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—Yes. It is receiving the attention of the Government. Orders have not been passed so far.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ (*Ezhuvas North*).— ഗ്രാന്റു തീരെ കൊടുക്കാത്ത ഏതെങ്കിലും പ്രൈമറി സ്കൂളുകൾ നടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടു പോകുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—there is.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen (*Kattur*).—May I know how many schools are there in the Cranganur Taluk where aid has not been given?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—I think there is one school at Pulloot.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know what amount will be necessary approximately to aid these classes which have been started and worked for the last three years?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—I said that it will be between 22 to 25 thousand rupees at the budget time excluding English schools.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know whether the Government will be pleased to consider this 22 thousand rupees as a first charge on the revenues of the Government? This is imparting education to the children of the villages. Will you consider that as a first charge?

Mr. President.—Government do not create first charges and mortgages on public funds.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*).— Are all these 100 schools that have not received any aid put on the same footing as Government schools?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— In the first place, Sir, when we speak about 100 schools, there is a certain amount of unconscious misconception, because it is not all the classes of the hundred schools that are unaided. They are all treated more or less on the same footing. For instance if there is a question of being one school given aid and given preference, we look at the number of the students, at the standing of the school, etc. These are the considerations which influence Government in giving priority in respect of aid.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu).*— Are these schools started in 1110 for instance, treated on the same footing as the classes started subsequently?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— Neither of them have been given aid.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu.).*— Is there any distinction made between classes started in 1110 and subsequent to that?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— They had expectations of getting Government aid based upon ancient tradition.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu).*— Now, my question is what exactly is the position of a manager, who started a class in 1110 and what is the position of a manager who started a class in 1112 with regard to Government aid?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— I should say, Sir, there was in 1110 some vague ground for the expectation of getting a grant. In 1111 there was an unreasonable expectation only. In 1112 it is absolute desperation, so that there is no ground for expecting anything.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu).*— Am I right in thinking that in 1110 and prior to that, the practice followed by the Government was that if a class has been working for six months or for one year, grant was allowed as a matter of course? I ask, has that policy been followed since 1110 and has it been given up practically?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*— Till 1110, it used to be the normal thing to aid a class after one year's working. But in 1110, a warning was given that this is not to be assumed as a matter of course and that it depends upon the availability of funds. It is wrong to say that we have not given any such warning that it may not be possible to aid all classes simply because that they have worked for one year.

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It was not said that no class should be started. In 1111 it was made quite clear. (A voice: clearer still). In spite of this fact, I assure the Hon'ble Members of this House that if funds are still being available, in view of the difficulty to which these people have been put, we are trying to find out some way to aid these classes and a list has been drawn up for that purpose. If it is possible to restrict grant, we are trying to proceed on preference, to give aid to classes started in 1110 and then in 1111.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North)*.— ഇതേ വരെയും ഗ്രാൻറു കൊടുക്കാത്ത സ്കൂളുകളുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ *(Director of Public Instruction)*.— ഉണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North)*.— ഏതു സ്കൂളുകളുണ്ട്?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ *(Director of Public Instruction)*.— ഈ ലിസ്റ്റിലുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North)*.— ഈ സ്കൂളിനു എയ്ഡു കൊടുക്കുവാനായി ഫുഫർ -ലെ ബഡ്ജറിൽ വല്ല സംഖ്യയും കൊള്ളിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ *(Director of Public Instruction)*.— ഫുഫർ -ലെ ബഡ്ജറു തയ്യാറാക്കിക്കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North)*.— കൊള്ളിക്കുവാൻ വിചാരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ *(Director of Public Iustruction)*.— കൊള്ളിക്കണമെന്നാണു വിചാരിക്കുന്നതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North)*.— അങ്ങിനെ എയ്ഡു കൊടുക്കുവാൻ വിചാരിക്കുമ്പോൾ ഇതുവരെ യാതൊരു എയ്ഡും കിട്ടാത്ത സ്കൂളുകളുകൾക്കു മുൻഗണന കൊടുക്കുമോ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.— I do not quite understand the question.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram)*.— In making discretion, will you show some preference to classes started in 1110? Will you give them priority?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.— I would assure the Hon'ble Members of the Council that the Government have no idea to make any kind of discrimination.

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If it is possible to aid only a few, preference will be given to those which were started earlier and it will be done.

Mr. President.— We have always to take in view the need of the localities concerned. Classes that were opened in 1110 will be given preference. The whole point about this is when we make a provision for this item of this expenditure we have to make sure that we will have to incur the expenditure year after year. It is not scraping together some money in 1113 and meeting the demand. It means an annual charge. It is why we were not able to take into consideration this question because we would not be justified in undertaking an annual recurring expenditure of nearly Rs. 22,000. Probably things might become better.

Central Co-operative Bank—particulars regarding.

324. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) (i) what the present working capital of the Central Co-operative Bank is;

(ii) how much of this is contributed by the Government direct;

(iii) how much by way of securities of the public servants;

(iv) what interest does the deposit fetch;

(v) at what rate is money lent by the bank;

(b) (i) how many members of the board are nominated by the Government;

(ii) how many are elected members;

(c) (i) what amount has been lent out by the bank to-day;

(ii) how much of that is fresh loan and how much overdues or renewals;

(iii) of renewals what is longest and shortest time at which the original loan was made;

(iv) is any fine collected from defaulting societies or other debtors;

(v) at what rate;

(vi) are loan applications taken direct by the bank or through Unions as suggested by Mr. Devadhar;

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